

**Town of Brookline Selectmen's Study Committee:
Waste Reduction and Pay As You Throw (PAYT)**

Meeting Minutes from 12-16-08

Submitted by John Dempsey

Attending: Jonathan Ferris (MASS DEP), John Dempsey, Tommy Vitolo, Ed Gilbert (DPW), Jesse Mermell, Robin MacIlroy, Adam Mitchell and Sean Lynn-Jones.

The meeting was held in the Selectmen's Hearing Room at the Temporary Town Hall, 194 Boylston Street

The meeting was called to order at 9 A.M.

Business:

Reviewing a first draft of a Report to the Board of Selectmen.

John Dempsey presented a first draft of a report summarizing our inquiry into whether PAYT is appropriate for Brookline. The report was in three sections: a one-page summary, the report, and frequently asked questions.

The Committee discussed the first two sections (summary and report) and offered comments and observations.

Two big questions remain for further discussion: 1) recommendation for annual fees and for bag costs 2) whether the Town should charge residents for disposal of bulky waste, white goods, and hazardous items (e.g. refrigerants).

Adjournment:

We adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 8 in the Selectmen's Conference Room on the sixth floor of Town Hall, 333 Washington Street.

Assignments:

Committee members will send suggestions for revisions to John Dempsey

John Dempsey will make revisions to the report using "track changes."

John Dempsey and Jonathan Ferris will work on editing the FAQs.

Jesse Mermell will alert Mr. Kelliher that the Committee will be ready to present the report in late January 2009.